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10th ANNUAL

FRIENDS of OLD TIME RADIO CONVENTION

Oct. 11, 12 / Holiday Inn North / Newark Internal. Airport, NJ

GUESTS

SPECIAL CONVENTION GUESTS who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

MICHAEL TOLAN
LEE ALAN
ELAINE ALPERT
TONY CAMINITA
FRED FLOWERDAY
HARRY GOLDSTEIN
BILL HENGSTEBECK
WHIT VERNON
RUBE AND LIZ WEISS
ERNIE WINSTANLEY
FRED FOY
LEE ALLMAN
DICK OSGOOD

JIM FLETCHER

ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL BE INVOLVED IN SPECIAL LONE RANGER PRESENTATION AND ARE ALUMNI OF WXYZ.

WILLIAM N. ROBSON (Director) SUSPENSE

ASHLEY MILLER (Organist)
ST. JOHN TERRELL - Jack Armstrong
HUMPHREY DAVIS - Philo Vance, Tennessee Jed

RUTH FRANKLIN - many shows
LYNNE ROGERS - Light of the World
MANDEL KRAMER - Counterspy
FLORENCE WILLIAMS - Front Page Farrell
KEN ROBERTS - The Shadow
MIRIAM WOLFE - Let's Pretend
GEORGE ANSBRO (Announcer) - When a Girl Marries
EZRA STONE - Henry Aldrich
JACKSON BECK - Superman, Cisco Kid
DWIGHT WEIST - Big Town
ED HERLIHY - Kraft Music Hall
VICKI VOLA - Mr. District Attorney
SIDNEY SLON - Abbott Mysteries
TERRY and KEN ROSS - (Sound Effects Artists)
ARNOLD MOSS - Grand Central Station

STELLA REYNOLDS (Writer)
JANE WARD - Lorenzo Jones
ANN LORING - Many shows
ERNEST RICCA (Director) - Evelyn Winters
ALICE REINHART - Life Can Be Beautiful
FRAN CARLON - Big Town
BILL OWEN (Co-author) - Big Broadcast
CHARLOTTE MANSON - Nick Carter
TED MALLIE (Announcer) - The Shadow
EDDIE LAYTON (Organist)
ARTHUR ANDERSON - Let's Pretend
BETTY WRAGGE - Pepper Young's Family

This, our 10th Annual Convention, gives old time radio fans another opportunity to meet fellow enthusiasts from around the U.S. and Canada. But most of all, the Convention honors those actors, actresses, and technicians who made the age of radio truly golden.

The cooperation of fans and radio personalities has resulted in exciting and interesting events through the years, including the reuniting of actual radio casts in live re-creations of Let's Pretend, The Shadow, Johnny Dollar, Mr. District Attorney, Counterspy, and many other fine shows. Unlike many other nostalgia conventions, guests and fans mingle continually, letting radio live again for these two days every year.

EVENTS

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Some may be added or dropped depending on additional guests or other changes. Times will be announced at the convention.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Dealer's Room 12 Noon - 6 PM
Video Tapes
Escape - a review of the series (Terry Salomonson)

OTR Workshop - act in live plays (Ron Lackmann)
Starting a collection/technical aspects (Bob Burnham)
Use of a computer in collection (Tom Monroe)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Cocktails, 6 PM
Dinner, 7 PM
Trivia contest and sing-a-long (Jay Hickerson)
Al Jolson Workshop
WXYZ Panel

SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON:

Dealer's Room, 9 AM - 3 PM
Video Tapes, 10 AM - 4 PM
Trivia Contest (John Eccles and Richard King)
A visit with William N. Robson
Long Ranger Rehearsal
Americana through Radio (Doris Milberg)
Soaps (Ron Lackmann)
Mysteries (Bill Nadel)
Children's Shows (Ron Lackmann)

LAST THREE WILL HAVE GUEST PANELS AND READING OF SHORT SCRIPTS

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Cocktails, 6-7:30 PM
Dinner
Evening Program Re-creations (SUPERMAN and THE LONE RANGER)
Awards

GETTING THERE

Holiday Inn North at Newark International Airport is extremely convenient.

By air: Free shuttle bus from airport. From LaGuardia or Kennedy, take limousine service or helicopter to Newark airport; then free shuttle.

By bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport; then take shuttle bus.

By car: From N.J. Turnpike take Exit 14; take second right marked "Service Road" after toll booth. Hint: stay on right after toll!!

From Garden State Parkway south of airport take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1&9 North, local. Follow the blue sign marked "Service Road"; follow to hotel.

From Newark International Airport, exit airport and follow Route 1&9 North to Service Road.

COST

Reserve your spot as soon as possible! Prepaid tickets are held at the door.

Friday, October 11th, daytime only, (12 Noon to 6 PM) \$7.00 per person

Friday, October 11th, afternoon and evening, including buffet dinner (12 Noon to 11 PM) \$24.00 per person

Saturday, October 12th, afternoon only (9 AM to 6 PM) \$8.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child under 16 or senior citizen.

Saturday, October 12th, all events (9 AM to 11 PM) including dinner (cash bar at cocktails) \$33.00 per adult, \$31.00 per child under 16 or senior citizen

Dealer's Tables are \$25.00 each PLUS registration fees. There is no limit on number of tables.

Hotel: \$53.00/single, \$58.00/double. Reserve rooms when you send in convention registration. Pay for rooms on arrival. Rooms should be reserved by October 1st. Give details (names, nights, etc.) with registration (send no money for hotel).

REGISTRATION

Advance dinner reservations must be made. Reservations are limited. Make checks out to:

JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477
(203) 795-6261 or (203) 248-2887

Full tables can be reserved in advance for Saturday night dinner.

For further information you can also contact:

STUART WEISS (718) 948-7872
between 7-10PM
ANTHONY TOLLIN (201) 575-6849

OTHER committee members not mentioned in schedule are:

Joe Webb, Barbara and Dave Davies, Gary Kramer, Andy Blatt, Karen Hickerson, Bob Burchette, Walt Mitchell, Mary Lou Wallace, Bob Burnham, Ken Piletic.

Be sure to cast your pre-convention vote for the Allen Rockford award for the collector or fan who has made the extra effort to make our hobby more enjoyable. Past recipients include: Ken Piletic, John Dunning, Charlie Ingersoll, Charles Stumpf, Roger Hill, Ray Stanich, Bob Burnham and Jim Snyder.

HELLO AGAIN

CONVENTION '85: Ads are a little slow in coming in. Bob Burchette has agreed to take ads until Sept. 1st. Please send money and ad info. to me. Use ad form in last 2 issues of HA. Those purchasing ads so far are Tom Monroe, Bob Burnham, James Albert, Don Aston, NARA, Jay Hickerson, Bill Bragg, Lora Palmer, Bill Hornung, Andy Blatt, Gary Dudash, Burlington Tapes, SPERDVAC, Joe Webb.

Added to the program will be sci-fiction with Gary Yogg -- panel & script reading. More guests coming: Audrey Marsh, Tom Dougal (WXYZ), Adele Ronson, Pat Hosley, Fred Weihe (director of many shows including Dim. X & Backstage Wife) and Joan Alexander (Lois Lane in Superman, plus many other roles) may be coming. Mel Blanc is very tentative -- depends on speaking schedule.

IN FOND MEMORY: JAY BARNEY, May 19, 72; actor in Broadway, TV, film, radio (Theater Guild; March of Time)...CHARLES LYON, May 11, 82; radio/TV announcer (Gene Autry, Martha Tilton)...CHARLIE DUGDALE, May 18, 61; radio & TV actor...MADGE WEST, May 29, 93; film & stage actress...RICHARD GREENE, June 1, 66; English actor...KAY CAMPBELL, May 27, 80; radio & TV actress (Ma Perkins-R; All My Children-TV)...BILLY ROLAND, May 30, 71; big-band pianist...SKEETER BEST, May 28, 70; jazz guitarist...CHESTER GOULD, May 11, 84; creator of Dick Tracy...CURLEY BRADLEY, June 3, 74; voice of Tom Mix on radio...BOB READICK, May 27, 59; film, TV, radio actor (YIJD)...LESTER COOPER, June 6, 66; veteran TV producer & writer...JACK L. ARMSTRONG, June 10, 74; name inspired the radio show...GEORGE CHANDLER, June 10, 87; veteran actor...LEONARD SORKIN, June 7, 69; noted violinist...SEAN SULLIVAN, June 3, 63; char. actor...JOE VAL, June 11, 58; Bluegrass mandolinist...PEE WEE CRAYTON, June 25, 70; blues guitarist...JAMES CRAIG, June 28, 73; actor...PHIL FOSTER, July 8, 71; actor & comedian...HERBERT HIRSCHMAN, Jul 3, 71; TV producer-director...BARRY CRANE, Jul 5, 57; TV director...JOHN SCARNE, Jul 7, 82; authority on games & gambling...RAFAEL CAMPUS, Jul 9, 49; actor...LONNIE HILLYER, Jul 1; jazz trumpeter...NELSON COGANE, Jul 12, 82; lyricist (We Three)...GEORGE DUVIVIER, Jul 11, 64; bassist...JANE ROSS, June 27, 50's; actress, writer...MARGO (ALBERT), Jul 17, 68; film actress & singer...WAYNE KING, Jul 16, 84; bandleader & saxophonist...MARION BYRON, Jul 5, 73; actress...RUSTY GREENFIELD, Jul 10, 58; char. actor...JAMES (KAY) KYSER, Jul 23, 79; well-known bandleader.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NOSTALGIA DIGEST, June-July; articles on Amos & Andy and Mercedes McCambridge; Aug-Sept.; article on Rise & Fall of TV Westerns...SPERDVAC Radiogram, June; articles on Fibber McGee & Molly and other lines of work for radio actors; July; articles on Ward Byron, Paul Whiteman, Curley Bradley...RERUNS, spring; articles on Bonanza, Perry Mason, Rocky & Bullwinkle...MILWAUKEE AREA NEWSLETTER; June; Nice article on the LONE RANGER...NARA NEWS, Summer; articles on classical music on radio...COLLECTRIX, Spr.-Summer (Directory of magazines & newsletters about antiques & collectibles), 146 Front St., Hempstead, NY (\$5.00-3X a year).

BOOKS & MAGAZINES: Bill Laidlaw, 526 Printz Rd., Arroyo Grande, Cal. 93420, puts out THE SHADOW-DOC SAVAGE QUEST. Cost for 6 issues is \$11.95. Bill is looking for any Doc Savage radio shows...Old Editions Book Shop, 3124 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214, (716) 836-7354, has many OTR magazines such as RADIO GUIDE, RADIO MIRROR for sale for about \$10 each and up.

CLUBS & CONVENTIONS: The Cincinnati OTR Club has been meeting for 5 years. For info contact George Wagner, 2411 Ohio Ave., #2 Cincinnati, Oh 45219...for LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE fans write Jon Merrill, Box 431, Cedar Knolls, N.J.07927.

Clubs & Conventions (cont'd): For AL JOLSON fans write Int'l Al Jolson Society, RD 2, Box 408, Elverson, Pa. 19520...SPERDVAC second OTR convention will be Nov. 10th at Viscount Hotel in LA. Carlton E. Morse will be featured guest. Westwood Savings & Loan Association in the LA area is sponsoring a Jack Benny exhibit. From July 31 - Aug. 14 it will be at the Santa Monica office on 1231 Wilshire Blvd.

NEW SHOWS & CATALOGS: Bob Burnham, Box 39522, Redford, Mi. 48239, has new catalog. Will trade same with anyone with substantial collection of high quality shows. If not, will send catalog for \$2.00....The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy has produced an anthology of radio excerpts: "Reflections of Pharmacy in Oldtime Radio." The program, approximately 100 minutes in length consists of original narrative and selections from more than twenty different radio programs. The anthology was prepared at the University of Mississippi, written and directed by Dr. Mickey Smith, Professor of Health Care Administration. Materials used were from his collection. More information is available from Dr. Glenn Sonnedecker, American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Bldg., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706...

NEW ADDRESSES: Dan Decker, 109 So. York Ave., Mason City, Ia 50401... CAROL FISHBURN, 4526 Alveo Rd., La Canana, Cal. 91011.

HERE & THERE: New Friends & Returnees: Ron Haak, Kyoto Gakusei, Roji, 699-1, Nakano-Cho, Kitamonzen, Sokokuji, Kamikyo-ky Kyoto 602, Japan, writes the following: 1. Interested in clear copies of Fort Laramie & Frontier Gentleman; 2. Bowling Green Univ. Popular Press, Popular Culture Center, Bowling Green, Oh. 43403 offers WXIE Wonderland by Dick Osgood for \$9.95 plus \$1.00 handling; 3. Recommends Coral 4B-1 AV mini-speakers Sell in Japan for \$75/pair; 4. Also would like to see a book just about radio personalities. Those that had their own shows and those that were supporting stars with pictures... H. Edgar Cole, II, Box 3509, Lakeland, Fla. 33802, has entire run of CBS Mystery Theater, and over 200 reels of other OTR shows, many first generation, for trade or sale...Wayne Kozak, 2406 Orchard Ter., Linden, NJ 07036, wants Ellery Queen & ILAM...Ron Baron, 2475 W. 16th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214...Gordon Guy, 22 Canterbury St., E. Hartford, Ct. 06118, wants to contact fans of British radio and/or the Goon Show...Robert Bowers, 127 Milville Ave., Dorchester, Ma 02124, wants Philip Marlowe...John Weitekamp, 2011 W. Eastwood, Chicago, Ill. 60625... William Moran, 10510 Cornflower Ct., Vienna, Va. 22180...Ellen Barker, Box 1402, Reseda, Cal. 91335...Jim Gill, 809 S. Green St., Crawfordsville, Ind. 47933 (362-1765)...Ray Schnitzer, 430 E. 86th St., NYC, NY 10028...Ray & Jack Shugg are collaborating on a book about Gothic drama in radio. (Ray's summer address, if you can provide input, is 270 Schoolhouse Rd., Old Saybrook, Ct. 06475.

HERE & THERE: Old Friends: Lawrence Rao, 1213 E. 88th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236, found a copy of American (July 1944), an obscure WW-2 magazine. This has a 20-page story "Murder on the Fred Allen Program." Copies available from Lawrence for \$4.00...Ray Stanich write: Bill Blalock, long-time OTR enthusiast & friend, died recently. His business has been sold to Charles Browd, Box 70, Noble, Ok. 73068. Ray also says that reel recorders are becoming scarce and harder to get them repaired.. Get a spare and save or duplicate the parts book and schematics...Frank Tomaselli, 29 Donna Ct., Staten Isl, NY 10314, wants ILAM 1939-44 - complete stories if possible...Burlington Audio Tapes is now a major distributor of Agfa, Ampex, Capital, Kodak and 3M-Scotch. They have become a one-stop wholesaler. They ship UPS daily and expedite their orders promptly. If you need it - chances are they have it! Burlington specializes in OTR items, both cassettes and reel to reel tape, boxes, labels, etc., as well as government surplus tape. Call them on their toll-free # 1 (800) 331-3191, ask for Rudy, or

Old Friends (cont'd): write them for their catalog at 106 Mott Street, Oceanside, N.Y. 11572...Rusty Wolfe, P.O. Box 21428, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37421, collector of radio star photos is looking for one of Phil Harris & Alice Faye. He is interested in other stars too. Will trade addresses of stars, for discounts on the purchases of photos whenever possible...Tom Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Park, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167, is looking for commercially available "rumble filter" ("high pass filter") for turntable use, or does anyone have schematic for such a passive unit. Tom is also looking for reels of Terry & The Pirates... Tom Price, Box 1661, Salinas, Ca. 93902, announces some amazing new discoveries: 1. SMACKOUT recordings - 1931 by Marian & Jim Jordan; 2. Program numbers 1 & 3 of Fibber McGee & Molly, April 16 & 30, 1935 (in all, 5 reels of programs by FM & M/the Jordans, ALL FROM DISCS!! 3. New list of 763 photographs of FM & M, cast & staff. Lists such as these are available from Tom (the photo list costs \$1.00 (15pp long)). SASE requested...John Barber, 1807½ Burgundy, N. Orleans, La. 70116, has many scripts for sale, including recently found 6 copies of "Dead Sleep Lightly" by J.D. Carr. Also 9 OTR mystery scripts. He will also trade for Arthur Godfrey cassettes.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: On June 19th, there was an archival screening of The Jack Benny Show, sponsored by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in LA...Charles McElson now syndicating 52 episodes of Dragnet & 31 episodes of The Six Shooter.

LATE NEWS: Also coming to Convention Margot Stevenson...New Friend: Bob Lyzenga, 1741 Laralee SE, Grand Rapids, Mi 49508.

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